

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): Everything possible was done.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): Who was the complainant.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): The complainant is one Thirithi Nambudiri.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Was anything else done to satisfy this Nambudiri?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): The way to his family temple was also obstructed by the construction of this chal and a path also was constructed.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COCHIN CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING SOCIETY

104. Mr. C.V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the present Assistant Director of Industries was not the Secretary of the Cochin Co-operative Marketing Society, Trichur;

(b) what, if any, was the loss sustained by this Society when he was the Secretary;

(c) what was his monthly remuneration then and now;

(d) the names of the auditors who are asked to audit the accounts of the Society and whether any one of them is in Government service;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to recover the lost amount;

(f) whether Mr. Sreedhara Menon still continues to be a member of the Managing Committee of the Marketing Society?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a)

(c) Now Rs. 105 in the grade of Rs. 100-150 as Assistant Director of Industries.

(d) Messrs. P. V. Seshadri Ayyar, V. K. Achyuta Menon, the Inspectors of the Co-operative Department, and Mr. T. S. Anantha Krishna Ayyar. Mr. Anantha Krishna Ayyar was in Government service but has since retired.

(e) Does not arise in view of answers given under (a) and (b).

(f) Mr. Sreedhara Menon is now a member of the Board of Directors of the Marketing Co-operative Society.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether Mr. Sreedhara Menon had any connection with the Marketing Co-operative Society in any capacity?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. He was the business manager of the Marketing Co-operative Society.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether he was being given any allowance or honorarium?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. Rs. 60.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether any of the names mentioned in (d) other than those of Mr. T. S. Ananthakrishna Ayyar and Mr. V. K. Achyuta Menon I mean Mr. Seshadri Ayyar was employed or even now is an employee of the Government?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to inform this House whether Mr. Seshadri Ayyar was appointed to audit the accounts this year or in any previous years?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): In the previous year, I think.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to give the information whether Mr. Seshadri Ayyar was in service either in the Industries Department or the Commerce Department, before this Council expires?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): He is not in the commercial school or in the Industries Department.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether he is in any Department in the Government service?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): I shall try to get the information.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether any Government servant in the CLCVI—1a

staff of the Department over which Mr. Achyuta Menon presides has been appointed to audit the accounts of the Co-operative Society?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): Mr. Ananthakrishna Ayyar is a certified auditor and a teacher in the commercial school in Trichur. He has since retired.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Nobody else has been appointed to audit the accounts?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to inform the House in view of the serious allegations raised hitherto in the discussions in this House day before yesterday whether the Government will be pleased to ask the Comptroller of Accounts to audit the accounts of the Society from its very inception till now?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): In fact the Assistant Comptroller of Accounts is on the Board.

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): The services of two of my auditors have also been requisitioned for checking the accounts of this institution.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ശ്രീധരമേനോനെ ഇപ്പോൾ നോമിനേറേഷൻ തിരക്കുവാണോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ബോർഡിലേക്കു നോമിനേറേഷൻ ഒരാളാണ്.

BUS TRAFFIC—KUNNAMKULAM

105. Mrs. K. Joshua (*Women-Trichur*): Will Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether the Government is aware that Kunnamkulam is an important bus traffic centre;

(b) whether there had been any request for a bus-stand and waiting room from the Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam;

(c) if so, when;

(d) why the Government did not take up the idea so far?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) In the year 1116.

(d) On financial grounds.

PERSONAL ASSISTANTS TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

106. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state,—

(a) the number of the posts of Personal Assistants to Departmental Heads in the years 1118 and 1119;

(b) whether the Government propose to create some more new posts of Personal Assistants in any of the departments in the State within the next 6 months?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) 1118—4.

1119—5.

(b) Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know in what all departments Personal Assistants are going to be created?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): Only one in the Chief Engineer's Office.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): But the question is "some more". That is the difficulty.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know why the Government has adopted a policy of appointing only Personal Assistants and not creating the posts of Deputy Departmental Heads like the Deputy Commissioner of Police?

Mr. President: Then the objection is to the name?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Then the Departmental Heads can delegate more powers to these people if they are officers of the status of the Deputy Commissioner of Police. For instance, if a Deputy Chief Engineer is appointed the Chief Engineer can delegate larger powers to him. Will the Government be pleased to keep that idea in mind?